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Dr. Brown

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Pyeong yang, Korea

Dear Dr. Brown:

In addition to what I wrote you yesterday there are a few other matters of which I wish to write.

One is with reference to the request for an appropriation for Mr. Bernheim's quarters. Of this I wrote once before but I want to make clear the reason why this request should receive consideration.

Mr. Bernheim for years has occupied Mr. Lee's guest house which Mr. Lee built with his own funds and which he now imperatively needs for use as a private office.

It is not right that Mr. Lee should be deprived of the use of these rooms, nor that his own efficiency in the work is affected thereby. Mr. Bernheim has never been

provided by the Board with even temporary quarters and as we ask for but 700 year (\$350.00) for that purpose

it does seem to us that the time for granting this has now come. As a matter of inherent justice I think

Mr. Lee could claim that amount as rent for his guest house for a term of 5 years during which it

has been used for quarters for a missionary. Had he asked \$5.00 a month doubtless the Board would have granted

it and he would now have just about \$350.00. The

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amount needed. I put it this way that you may see that aside from the fact that Mr. Bernhard should be limited with rooms, we ought not longer to impute upon Mr. Lee's good nature and unselfishness when it is making an injustice to him. He will not enter complaint, but will continue to submit to the inconvenience, but knowing as I do how much he needs and would like to have the rooms, I write thus in order to explain the situation.

In one of your letters you ask for an explanation of the expression "foreign funds, not Board funds" used in connection with the Hyun Chum + Pyeong Yang S. Gate Church.

What we mean by it is that in building the large city churches where the necessity is such that we cannot wait for the Korean contributions to amount to sufficient to build, we have permission to use foreign funds to a certain extent - that is money furnished by the missionary as a gift to the Korean Church from his own pocket or from some individual personal gift to him - instead of our asking for an appropriation from the Board for the purpose.

For example, when we built the Central Church here my brother gave me some money to be used just

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as I wished and with some of that we assisted the Church to the extent of less than $\frac{1}{3}$.

In building the S. Gate Church several of us contribute from our own pockets - thus enabling the Korean to go ahead at once with the building. The money is not asked from the Board nor is it given to or through the Board but to the Korean Church direct - all our churches being built by and for the Korean Church.

We obtain the sanction of the Mission to such use of money because we always go on the principle that even private personal funds should be used only for such purposes and in such ^{ways as} are all first sanctioned by the Mission.

With reference to request for appropriation for purchase of station sites, I wish to urge the granting of all of these now as a matter of economy.

With the incoming of the Japanese, the price of land is going up rapidly and it will cost us many times more money a few years hence to get the land needed for station sites.

As an illustration - the hospital site in P'yung Yang is a case in point. The site could not now be bought for less than some 2000 Yen, but by buying it at a price a few years ago with private funds and turning

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It now to the Board at each place it has cost the
Board less than 500 Yen. The same situation will
exist at Cheng Ju and at Chai Poyang.
If you will grant the 500 Yen for site & quarters for
the Wang Hai station and the 1500 Yen asked for Cheng Ju
the Board will doubtless save several thousand Yen
in the opening & development of these stations.

If these requests have been considered and not granted
when this reaches you, I would urge an additional ap-
plication to meet these needs - as a matter of economy and
also for the furtherance of ^{projects} for development of work.

I trust my letter on subject of Church Document reached
you safely and that ^{it will} ~~you~~ may look for favorable action
on the part of the Board and the General Assembly.

On Feb'y 28th our home was gladdened by the
arrival of our first-born a son, James McKee
who has rejoined our hearts and brought sunshine
into our home. Mr. Moffett and the baby are
both doing nicely and we are indeed grateful for
this richest blessing granted unto us.

With kindest regards

Very Sincerely Yours

Samuel A. Moffett